

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

**Amend** PAGE 1, LINE 1 as follows:

DESCRIPTION TITLE:

**ADD** the following paragraph immediately following PAGE 1, LINE 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO REALTED APPLICATIONS:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) to German patent application number 10 2004 002 349.2, filed 01/16/2004.

**Amend** PAGE 1, LINES 4-8 as follows:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a, preferably clear or transparent, agent in gel form for carrying out oxidative treatments in various application fields, such as, for example, cosmetics, dental technology, pharmacy and cleaning agents.

**Amend** PAGE 1, LINES 20-22 as follows:

Description of Related Art

As a rule, blonding agents consist of two components, a hydrogen peroxide-containing formulation and a basic component.

**Amend** PAGE 3, LINES 20-26 as follows:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The goal was therefore to provide an agent for carrying out oxidative treatment, particularly of hair, that would not show the afore-indicated drawbacks, namely that would have a gel-like consistency, would be transparent at the same time, would not drip off the hair and over a period of 6 months at 40 °C would show a constant viscosity, a constant pH and a constant peroxide content.

**Amend** PAGE 4, LINE 8 as follows:

~~The object of the invention is therefore an agent as defined in claim 1.~~ DETAILED  
DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION